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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Whitman et al.

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FILL CHARACTERISTIC YIELDING A
PLANARIZED THIN FILM SURFACE

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SECOND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the final rejections presented in the Final Office Action mailed on June 2, 2005, and following the Advisory Action and Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on August 31, 2005, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expired on September 2, 2005. This response is being submitted with a petition for a one month extension of time and the appropriate fee.

Amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks start at page 6 of this paper.